



## Greetings, Bulldogs!

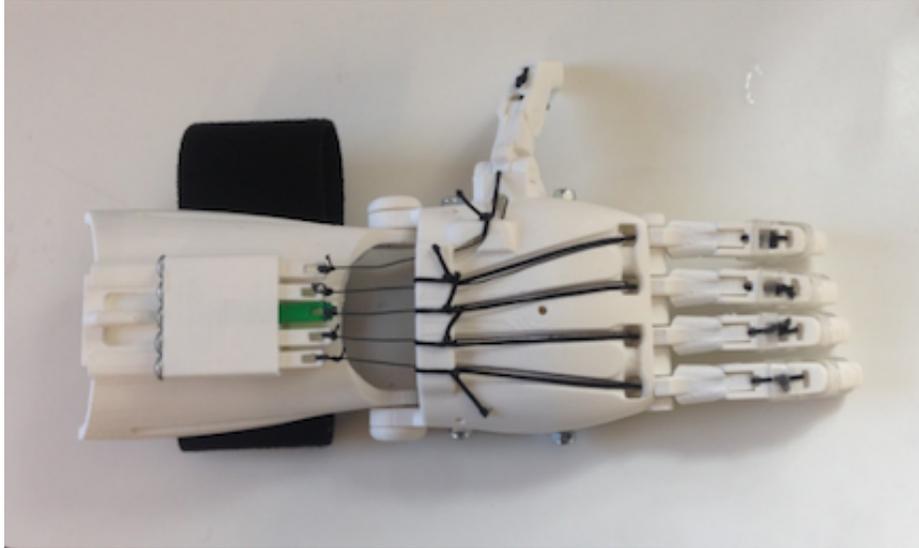
### What's new at CDS?



#### **8th Grade Service Project Focuses on Gun Control**

Each year the eighth grade class reflects on current events in the US, ultimately choosing one issue to research as part of their study in civics, as a well as a way to engage the community. In past years they have focused on the death penalty and immigration, and this year they chose gun control.

After delving into the history of gun ownership and the current events surrounding gun control, our students formulated a stance on the issue and began to take action. They called congress members, produced pamphlets, and took to the streets to educate people on sensible gun control. To learn more about what the eighth graders are doing, check out [this video](#).



### Prosthetics in the Innovation Lab

Not only are the 8th graders doing remarkable things in the humanities, they're also building prosthetic hands in our Innovation Lab! The students began the quarter with a simple design challenge: create a grabbing device that can pick up an object two feet away. While they were testing designs and materials, as well as the mechanics of their own hands, they learned valuable tools to guide them into the next phase of the project: 3D print and build a prosthetic hand for the organization [Enabling The Future](#).

The students worked in groups to build two prosthetic hands which will be sent to Enabling the Future and tested for quality control. Soon CDS will be approved as a builder of hands to be sent to those in need!

*Are you interested in an Innovation Lab internship this summer? Contact [jeri@cds-sf.org](mailto:jeri@cds-sf.org) for more details!*

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### Upcoming CDS events



### Fiesta 2016

Greetings Earthlings! The countdown is on ...

March 19, 2016 is the date for Fiesta, the CDS annual fundraiser supporting sliding scale tuition.

Our voyage will feature extraterrestrial eats, atomic drinks, dancing, and out-of-this-world entertainment. Explore the cosmos while drinking cosmos and raising as many funds as possible during the silent and live auctions. It will be one

small step for you, one giant leap for CDS ...

If you'd like access to our online auction, please email [fiesta@cds-sf.org](mailto:fiesta@cds-sf.org).



### **You're Invited to Country Fair!**

Our annual Country Fair is coming up on Saturday, May 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Activities will include many old favorites like sheep-shearing, pie-eating, the cupcake walk, a great barbecue, and fun entertainment. We would love to see you, so if you are in the neighborhood, please feel free to drop by!

***Want to help out? Every year we hire a few alums to work Country Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please email [amandar@cds-sf.org](mailto:amandar@cds-sf.org) if you are interested!***



### **Mark your calendars for the CDS Alumni Reunion on Saturday, May 21, 2016**

This spring, join us on the yard for our annual alumni reunion. Catch up with old friends and teachers! Formal invitation to follow.

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## **Class Notes**



**Teija Corse, CDS 2006**

In August 2015, Teija graduated with her Masters of Science in Healthcare Emergency Management from Boston University School of Medicine. She completed the program in one long, tiring, and exciting year filled with a lot of fun experiences. Over the course of her studies, she presented to members of the US Army and FEMA and even had a paper published in the World Medical and Health Policy Journal about Ebola and waste management. All her hard work paid off. Teija recently began her first job as a Public Health Preparedness Planner at the Philadelphia Department of Public Health. She's currently keeping herself very busy working to make sure the City of Philadelphia is prepared to keep people healthy following a radiological disaster.



**Kira Yaffe, CDS 2012**

Now a senior at Independence High School, Kira is gearing up for college. She's applied to a number of schools but her top choices include Reed, Brown, and Whitman. Kira volunteers regularly at the SPCA on the weekends and also works as an intern in the IT department of the SFMTA! when she's not volunteering or interning she likes to play video games and work on her cosplays for conventions.

Do you want to be featured in our Class Notes section? Email [simoneo@cds-sf.org](mailto:simoneo@cds-sf.org) with a short update and a photo



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P.S. How cool is this photo of the 1986-87 Dolphins class?